

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 617

By Richey

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Brooke Nowak for completing her first Boston Marathon.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to recognize those individuals whose dedication, perseverance, and commitment in the pursuit of their goals serve to make them exemplars of the qualities treasured by the citizenry of this State; and

WHEREAS, Brooke Nowak is one such individual, whose remarkable athleticism and steadfast determination is an inspiration to many; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Nowak ran her first-ever marathon last year in Knoxville and did so well that she qualified for the prestigious Boston Marathon; and

WHEREAS, on April 17, 2023, she completed the grueling 26.2-mile Boston Marathon with an impressive time of 3 hours, 36 minutes, and 48 seconds; and

WHEREAS, Brooke Nowak has been training diligently for the past year with Knoxville Endurance and her coach, the acclaimed Bobby Holcombe; and

WHEREAS, showing incredible dedication and perseverance, Ms. Nowak trained six days a week throughout the past year, rising at four a.m. to begin each day's run; and

WHEREAS, her remarkable achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her family, her friends, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Brooke Nowak's ability, dedication, rarefied talent, and perseverance in the face of overwhelming difficulties are worthy of the recognition of this General Assembly; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Brooke Nowak for completing her first Boston

Marathon, commend her outstanding performance and exemplary character, and offer our best wishes for her continued success in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.